[Mr. A. Hoogewerf.]

(*a*) whether they are aware that the rules regulating the construction of school buildings are not in accordance with those in force in the advanced countries of the West; and

(*b*) whether, in view of the above fact, they would appoint a small committee to revise those rules in accordance with the needs and requirements of this country?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) They are aware that there are some differences in the rules due to difference in conditions.

(*b*) In the opinion of the Government, the existing rules are not unsuited to the requirements of the country and there is no need for the appointment of a committee to revise the rules.

Smuggling through the Arukutty Chowkey.

6. MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(1) whether it is a fact that a consignment of about 40 casks of cocoanut oil valued at Rs. 15,000, which was attempted to be smuggled through the Arukutty chowkey, was seized by the Inspector and that the Excise Commissioner ordered the immediate release of the same;

(2) whether the alleged action of the Excise Commissioner was in accordance with the Customs Regulation;

(3) whether any enquiry was held, and, if so, with what result;

(4) what the nature of the enquiry was and who held it;

(5) how the case was finally decided; and

(6) whether any fine was imposed, and, if so, whether it has been recovered?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to place the papers connected with the above case on the table?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): A report on the subject has been received from the Excise Commissioner and it is under the consideration of Government.

Smuggling of Oil.

7. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): (*a*) Is it a fact that a large consignment of oil was seized at the Arukutty chowkey recently, that the Assistant Commissioner drew up a *mahazar*, and that, before the report reached the Excise Commissioner, the latter ordered the release of the consignment?

(*b*) If so, did the Excise Commissioner act in conformity with the Regulation in having ordered the release?

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